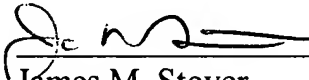## REMARKS

The Official Action dated March 5, 2008, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto. Prior to entry of the foregoing amendment, claim 1-3 and 6-12 were active in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 6-6 have been indicated as allowed. Claims 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The foregoing amendment presents corrections to claims 10 through 12. Claims 10 through 12, as amended, are each directed to an article comprising a computer-readable storage medium having a computer program stored thereon, the program including executable instructions that cause a computer to execute a plurality of steps to cluster a string.

It is believed that the rejection of claims 10 through 12 is overcome by the amendments to claims 10 through 12 presented above.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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